FALLEN SYNDICATE

PRESENTS

SHINTETSU NO AGARTHA

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SHINTETSU NO ARUTERA
CHAPTER 6:
AWAKENING OF THE WIND
TOKITOU
KANADE

CHEW
THEY ARE HEADED FOR THAT PLACE—
—AGARTHA OF SHINTETSU...
THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE YOU ALL ARE HEADED TO?
UBUSUNA?
?
OI, YOU BRUTS.
THAT'S ENOUGH TALK FOR NOW...
THEN, YOU GUYS WILL...
...I SEE.
YEAH. WELL, EVEN IF WE SAY THAT, WE ACTUALLY DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S STILL AT...

A
A MAGA NE...!?

SFX: SLASH!
KIC-CHOMU,
THERE'S ANOTHER ENEMY TO YOUR RIGHT!
!!

SFX: THUD THUD THUD
SFX SHING

NO,
...I HADN'T EVEN NOTICED UP UNTIL NOW.
ALTHOUGH I WAS WATCHING HIM, HE WAS ALWAYS ALONE, BUT NOW THAT I'VE SEEN HIM DEFEAT THE MAGANE
DEFEATED THE MAGANE SO EASILY...
YOU...
YOU GUYS ARE AMAZING...

I CAN SEE THAT HE'S BY FAR, QUICKER THAN ALMA,
AND MORE PERCEPTIVE THAN BURTON.
HE HAS SUCH OVERWHELMING BATTLE PROWESS.
WHO IN THE WORLD
...KICHOMU
ARE YOU?

HAH?
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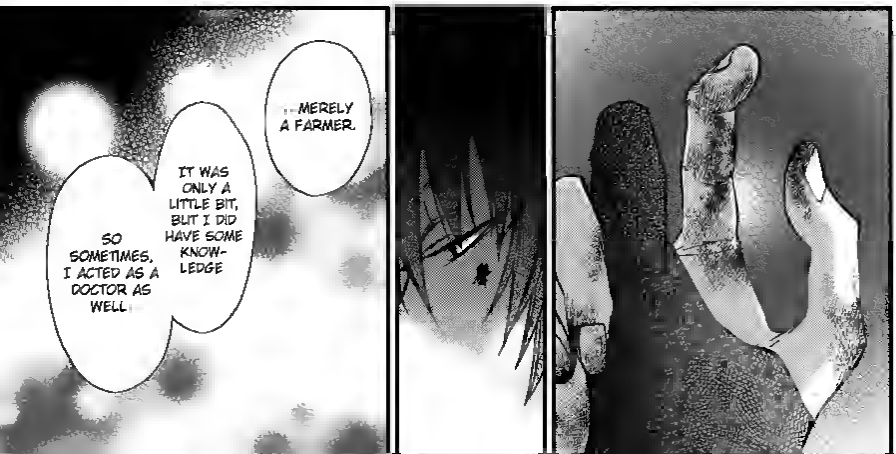

...MERELY A FARMER.
IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE BIT, BUT I DID HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE
SO SOMETIMES, I ACTED AS A DOCTOR AS WELL.

A SMALL HOUSE AND A NUMBER OF RICE FIELDS,
THAT WAS ALL I HAD IN MY LIFE
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING BEYOND MY VILLAGE WHICH CONSISTED OF ONLY 50 HOUSES, ALL WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND BY CIVILIZATION.
...I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE WORLD OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MY COUNTRY.
...THEN ONE DAY, I WAS SUDDENLY ROUNDED UP TO FIGHT IN A WAR.
EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW WHO IT WAS FOR OR FOR WHAT PURPOSE.
ALL I COULD DO WAS CONTINUE KILLING OTHER PEOPLE, WHILE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY NOT WANTING TO DIE.

UNTIL, EVENTUALLY, I RECEIVED A FATAL WOUND.
....BUT IT WAS A MYSTERIOUS THING.
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS REALLY PAINFUL, I SUFFERED AND THERE WAS NOTHING GOOD ABOUT IT,
EVEN THOUGH I WAS AFRAID OF DYING IN SUCH A WAY,
BUT THE MOMENT WHEN I WAS LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS, I HEAVED A HUGE SIGH OF RELIEF,
AS IF I WERE GLAD TO FINALLY ESCAPE FROM THAT FUCKING LIVING ABYSS.
YES.
THAT'S WHAT I'D THOUGHT BUT...
FOR SOME REASON I WAS ALLOWED TO SURVIVE.
THE TIMER ON THE RESUSCITATION APPARATUS I'D BEEN TOSSED INTO, WENT OFF.
AND IN ADDITION,

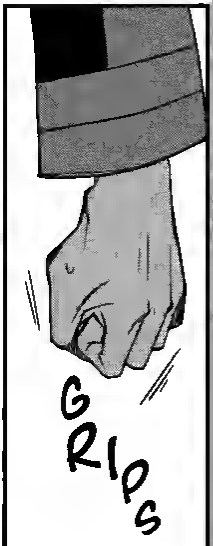
AND WHEN I WOKE UP, IT WAS AFTER THE WORLD HAD BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
THE APPARATUS' LIFE SPAN WAS FINISHED.
AH.
AH.
AGH.

AAAA

I'M JUST A LAUGH-INGSTOCK.
I AM JUST A USELESS SACRIFICIAL PAWN THAT HAS MANAGED TO SURVIVE.
I'M SIMPLY SOMEONE WHO ESCAPED FROM DEATH
IN REALITY, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD OF THAT TIME PERIOD NOR DO I KNOW WHAT THE STATE OF AFFAIRS WAS
I HAD LIVED MY LIFE DISCONNECTED FROM CIVILIZATION.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, TENKOU,
...
I'VE SAID TOO MUCH

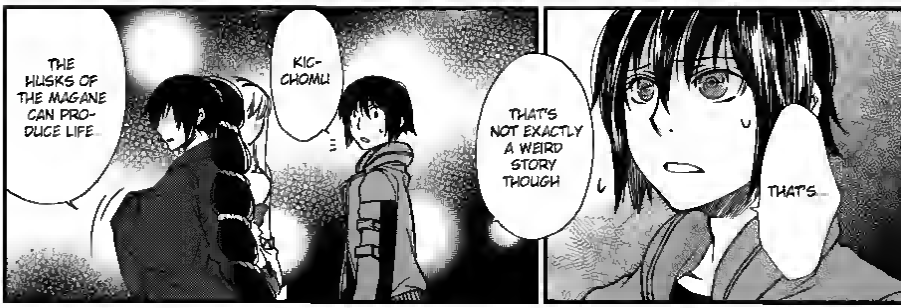
OH
YEAH, OF COURSE
YOU SHOULD USE YOUR "EYES" TO DETECT THE ENEMY, SHOULDN'T YOU?


GRIPS

...TCH ...!

YEAH, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
BUT FOR MY OWN CONCERNS, I THINK WE SHOULD CONTACT ALMA AND THE OTHERS.
RIGHT NOW I'M NOT GETTING A RESPONSE FOR ANY OTHER MAGANE IN THE AREA...
I NEVER KNEW...
THAT THERE WERE LIVING MAGANE IN
BAKWI DULINYA...
THEN, UP UNTIL THIS POINT, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN ATTACKED WHILE HERE.
U
UPUSU
...NA ...?

WHAT'S WRONG?
NO, IT'S...NOTHI NG
—AH
I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN THE HUSKS OF THE MAGANE IN THIS PLACE BEFORE.
EVEN THOUGH WE ENCOUNTERED THOSE MAGANE EARLIER, I THINK THAT THEY AREN'T ALIVE.

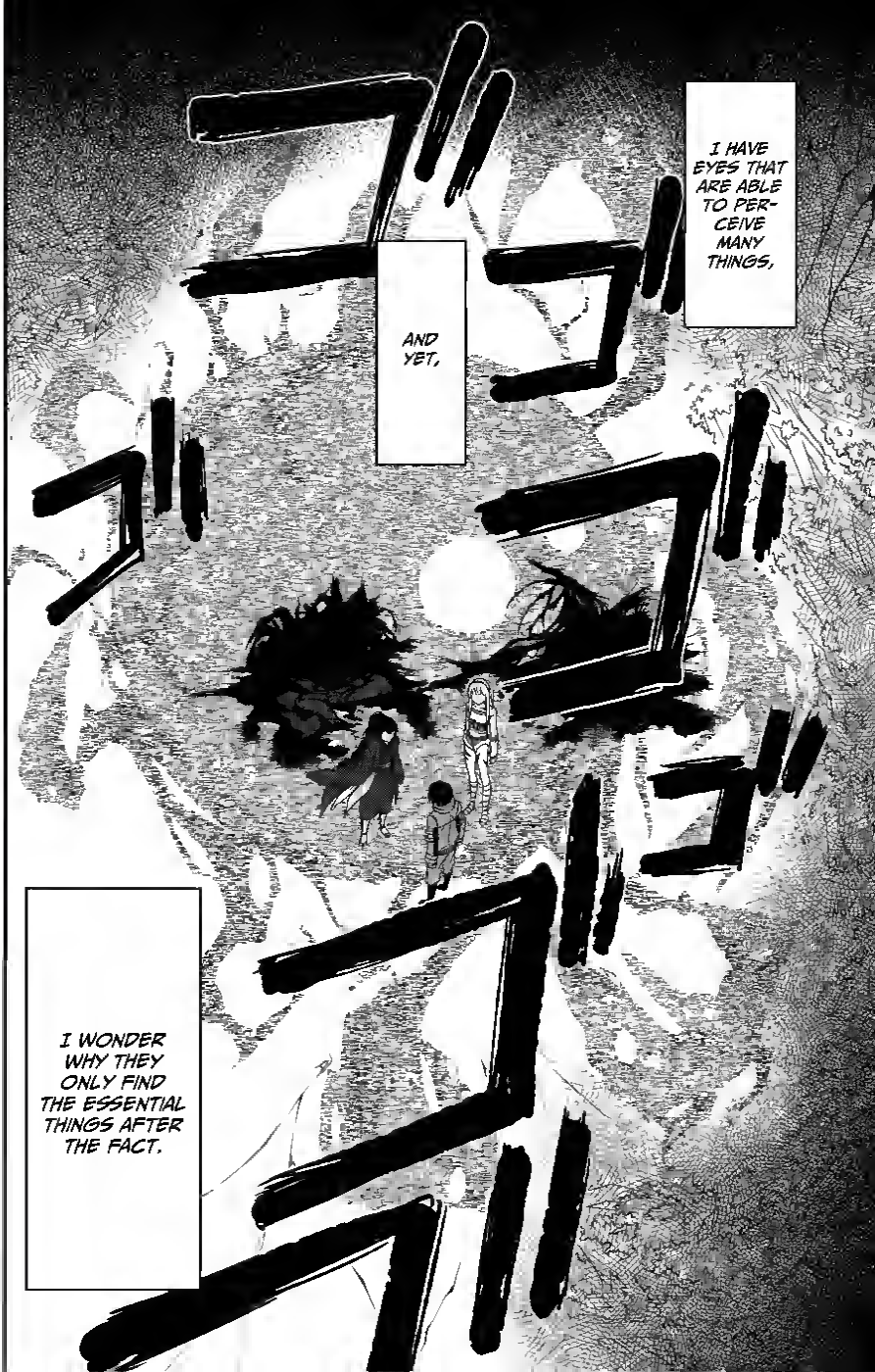

THAT'S...
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY A WEIRD STORY THOUGH
KIG-CHOMU
THE HUSKS OF THE MAGANE CAN PRO-DUCE LIFE.

BUT SINCE SOMETHING CAN'T COME FROM NOTHING,
A SEEDBED IS NECESSARY.
IF WE CONSIDER TAKIRI SAMO AS THAT, THEN
TOYOKO CAN EASILY COLLECT THOSE DEAD "THINGS".

THAT'S THE NATURAL ORDER, ISN'T IT?
THE ENDING IS STILL THE SAME.
AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT, THOSE GUYS WILL ALWAYS END UP LIKE THAT.
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM OF WHETHER THEY WERE ALREADY DEAD OR IF THEY WERE JUST ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.
IF SOMETHING DIDN'T COME ALONG AND CONSUME THOSE GUYS AFTER THEY TRANSFORMED INTO MAGANE, THEN EVENTUALLY THEIR LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, ANYWAY
I... HAVE
EXCHANGED COUNTLESS LIVES FOR DEATH IN THAT MANNER...
THAT'S... TRUE.

SFX: THUD
HAH?
HAH?
THE TRUTH IS TOO HEAVY TO CARRY ALONE
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING...?
IT'S A SHOW OF PROTEST TOWARDS AN UNFAIR ADULT
.....

IS YOUR HEAD OKAY?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
... YOU...
GRASPING ONTO HIS POWER
STAINING HIS HANDS IN BLOOD,
HE IS HIDING BEHIND THOSE BITING WORDS,
—THAT SORT OF KINDNESS
AND MOVING ONWARDS,
IS TOO PAINFUL.
OUCH ...!? I OPPOSE VIO-LENCE!!
...
WOULD GIVING YOU A PUNCH HELP RETURN YOU TO YOUR SENSES?
BAM
WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? I'M TRYING MY BEST TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU...!!
I ALWAYS DO IT EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T TELL ME, TOO!!
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO GET EX-CITED, THEN LOCATE THE ENEMY PROPERLY.
SFX: CHUCKLE
I ALREADY SAID IT EARLIER,
THERE ARE NO ENEMIES IN THIS A—


I HAVE EYES THAT ARE ABLE TO PERCEIVE MANY THINGS,
AND YET,
I WONDER WHY THEY ONLY FIND THE ESSENTIAL THINGS AFTER THE FACT.

KICCHOMU, UBUSUNA.
THERE'S A GIANT MAGANE BELOW YOU...!!
TENKOU!!

THUMP

UBUSUNA
...!!

SFX: SWOOSH
TENKOU.
RUN TO THE REMAINS!!
JOIN UP WITH ALMA AND THE OTHERS!
HURRY!!

B...
BUT,
UBUSUNA
IS...
!!
DON'T LINGER HERE!!
OR ELSE WE CAN JUST GIVE UP HERE AND KICK THE BUCKET...
!!
I'M GOING TO BEAT THIS THING SO THIS IS ALL OVER!!
OH SHIT...

SFX: SNAP, CRACK

WHERE
FUCK...
CUT THAT OUT ALREADY...
THIS GUY...
IS AS DANGEROUS AS I EXPECTED...
KICCHOMU!!
HAVEN'T I BEEN MANGLING THEIR HEARTS ...!?
AHH
AH
HAVEN'T I BEEN PUTTING ON AIRS AND TRAMPLING ON LIVES AT A WHIM...?
SO...
I...WILL BE THE SACRIFICIAL PAWN THIS TIME...!
SO IF I'VE LOST SIGHT OF THE WILL I DECIDED TO HAVE,

WHAT
THE ...!?
SFX: DROP DROP
...YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING...
DON'T JOKE WITH ME.
SFX: GRAB
DON'T YOU DARE JOKE WITH ME!!
TENKOU!!!
KEEP STRUGGLING ONWARDS.

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO WILL LET
SOMETHING OR SOMEONE IMPORTANT BE SNATCHED AWAY...!!?
ARE YOU SOME-ONE WHO BECOMES A SACRIFICIAL PAWN?
ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO JUST GIVES UP HERE?

IS THAT... TENKOU!?
WHAT IN THE HELL IS GOING ON...?
SFX BLIK BLIK
HE'S BECOME FASHION-ABLE!!

オオオオ
I'LL RIP YOU TO SHREDS
AND MAKE YOU BURST!!

...IT'S LIKE A STORM...!
COULD IT BE
SFX: THUD

THE POWER OF THE RAJAN.
EXACTLY AS ALMA AND BURTON SAID IT WAS?
TENKOU POSSESSES
THE SENSATION IN MY BODY IS SO DISTANT.
THUD
... HOW OUT OF CHARACTER.
HAS THE POWER FINALLY AWAKENED?
IT SURE HAS A ROARING EFFECT...
DOESN'T IT .?
SWAY

THIS PAIN AND SUFFERING,
AND MY HEART, WHICH BECAME SO DISTANT
I'VE HAD THIS FEELING BEFORE.
AH YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
AND GENTLENESS...
THIS WARMTH
Blink
THE PAIN
HAS DISAPPEARED?
HAH?
YOU'LL BE COMING ALONG WITH US,
UNTIL THE VERY END.
...SO,
KICCHOMU.
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T PUSH YOURSELF
YOU SHOULD TAKE IT EASY UNTIL YOU'VE COMPLETELY HEALED.
I BALANCED THE FLOW OF THE FIVE ELEMENTS IN YOUR BODY.
Sasasasa
Ouch

UBU-SUNA..
WE SHOULD HOLD A FUNERAL FOR HER
SO THERE'S NO NEED TO CREMATE HER.
...BUT, SHE HATED FIRE...
...I KNOW THAT.
!

SFX: ZSSH
...IT SEEMS
UBUSUNA WHO LIVED AS A HUMAN TEN YEARS AGO... HAD ALREADY PASSED AWAY
BUT,
TAKIRI HEARD HER PRAYER... HER DESIRE TO LIVE.
TOYOKO FELT THAT UBUSUNA'S SOUL WAS THE SAME AS HER OWN,
AND GAVE HER A VESSEL OF SAND TO DWELL IN.
SO THAT'S WHY SHE WAS NEVER ATTACKED BY THE MAGANE?
...WHEN DID YOU NOTICE?
WHEN I USED MY "SHINTETSU EYES" TO LOOK AT HER.
...BECAUSE THE COLOR OF HER SOUL
WAS DIFFERENT
THAN A HUMAN SOUL,
OR A MAGANE SOUL.
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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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